



REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS

CHOSEN TO SETTLE WITH THE SELECTMEN AND TREASURER OF THE

TOWN OF HUDSON,

WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR 1848--49.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

THE Committee chosen to audit the Selectmen's accounts and settle with the Town Treasurer, from the 28th day of February, 1848, to the 1st day of March, 1849, report as follows:

We find there was in the the Treasury on the

25th February, 1848, Cash,	\$279 74
Outstanding Taxes, J. W. Underwood,	22 68
Outstanding Taxes, D. B. Smith,	578 05
	————— \$880 47

Taxes assessed 1848, for repairing Alms-house,	
and other charges,	617 61
For repair of Highways,	500 00
For Schools,	433 00
Received of County on account of Paupers,	353 03
Received of State, for soldiers' bounty,	33 50
Received of State for Railroad Tax,	82 90
Received of P. Hardy on account of D. Hamblet,	5 00
Received from Pelham on acc't. of Wm. Gibson,	10 56
	————— \$2035 60

Total debited to Selectmen,	\$2916 07
From which has been made the following disbursements:	
For Schools,	\$433 00
For repairs of Highways,	509 00
For Bridge plank to S. Davis, 768 feet,	10 75
For Bridge plank to E. Willoughby 1000 feet,	13 00
For Cash paid to J. Smith, 3d, by P. Hardy, for	
incidental repairs on road,	1 90
For Guide-boards to E. Burnham,	2 16
For Guide-boards to N. Tenney,	7 31
For Guide-posts to N. Tenney,	2 00
For Guide-post to E. Willoughby,	50
For non-resident highway certificates returned to	
Treasurer,	10 56
	————— \$557 18

For cash paid to soldiers,	91 50
For printing reports, 1847—8,	21 00
For tax bills to D. B. Smith,	2 00
For stationery to J. P. F. Cross,	57
For wood at Town House, to E. Hamblet,	3 00
For cloth for Pall, to Reed & Slader,	11 00
For making do. Mrs. Hill,	1 00

For damages to horse, owing to a defect in bridge near Capt. Cross's, paid to Grovornor Marsh,	25 00
For repairs on Town House, to A. Andrews,	5 90
For abatement of taxes, J. W. Underwood,	2 79
For over assessment of taxes to J. Cross,	5 00
For over assessment of taxes to P. Colburn,	40
For over assessment and abatement of Taxes, to S. D. Greeley,	6 60
	<hr/> \$175 76

To Paul Hardy, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, and \$2 50 cash paid to Surveyors, for perambulating town lines,	30 50
To Jeremiah Smith, for services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	28 50
To Stephen D. Greeley, for services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	37 87
To Paul Colburn, for services as Town Clerk and Treasurer, repairing book and postage,	13 09
To J. L. Pierce, as superintending School Com.,	8 00
To Jonathan Hall, as superintending School Com.,	13 50
	<hr/> \$131 46

Repairs at Alms-House.

To Allen Andrews,	380 55
Alden Hill,	5 76
	<hr/> \$386 31

Expenses at Poor Farm.

To John Greeley, on account of salary,	125 00
John Greeley, for cash paid out,	44 00
Upton & Knowles, for goods,	24 56
Moses Worcester, for goods,	51 75
James Carnes, for goods,	35 02
Dudley & Lewis, for blacksmithing,	1 25
Merriam & Senter, for blacksmithing,	18 13
Thomas Senter, Jr., for sawing lumber,	7 87
Moses Davis, for coffin for Rose Greeley,	3 00
To Gilman Andrews, for pasturing sheep and re- pairing barrels,	6 50
Thomas Hill, for Grafting,	4 80
Nelson Tuttle, for coat for N. R. P.	6 13
James Emery, for services,	25 00
	<hr/> \$353 01

Expenses off of Poor Farm.

To J. E. Greeley, for wood and necessities for W. E. Robinson,	9 88
Moses Worcester, goods to W. E. Robinson,	3 09
J. Carnes, rum for W. E. Robinson,	32
J. & A. J. Rockwood, coffin for A. Hamblet,	4 00
S. D. Greeley, cash paid on account of Daniel Hamblet's wife and child,	12 00
J. Doil, for boarding Thomas Moreland,	4 93

Jabez Blodgett, for boarding Polly Smith,	6 75	
William Baldwin, on acc't of M. A. Farnham,	16 00	
		<hr/> \$56 97

Expenses for Small Pox—Sarah Glover.

To J. B. Dane, for serving,	57 00	
R. Greeley, Esq., for services and cash paid,	5 98	
D. M. Greeley, for wood and provisions,	6 60	
Hugh Jameson, for goods,	1 68	
M. Worcester, for goods,	5 67	
Doct. J. E. Davis, for services,	35 00	
		<hr/> \$111 93

Total of Disbursements,	\$2205 62	
Outstanding taxes, J. W. Underwood,	11 13	
Outstanding taxes, D. B. Smith,	312 05	
Outstanding taxes, S. D. Greeley,	324 80	
Cash in the Treasury,	62 97	

Whole amount credited to Selectmen,	\$2916 57	
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The state of the Treasury is nearly as follows :

Outstanding taxes, J. W. Underwood,	11 13	
“ “ D. B. Smith,	312 05	
“ “ S. D. Greeley,	324 80	
Cash in the Treasury,	62 97	
S. Glover's note,	20 00	
Daniel Hamblet's note,	13 75	
On account of J. Hamblet,	24 00	
Doct. Emery, cash due for hay,	20 00	
Whole amount available,	<hr/> \$788 70	

Out of which is owing the following debts :

To John Greeley, on account of salary,	64 90	
T. Gay & Son,	78 00	
J. L. Pierce,	6 00	
Sewall Hamblet,	13 48	
Warren Blodgett,	5 00	
D. M. Greeley,	8 56	
Samuel Greeley,	11 96	
Doct. Emery,	15 00	
D. B. Smith, for collecting taxes,	24 00	
S. D. Greeley, for collecting taxes,	30 93	
E. Willoughby, for plank,	4 50	
Total due,	<hr/> \$262 33	

Which leaves a balance in favor of the town of the sum of	<hr/> \$526 37	
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From which is to be deducted Lydia Smith's bill, since voted by the town,	54 00	
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ETHAN WILLOUGHBY, JACOB CHASE, THOMAS MARSH,	} Auditors.
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We have examined the Treasurer's Accounts from February 28, 1848, to March 1, 1849, and find them well vouched and perfectly correct.

ETHAN WILLOUGHBY,	}	Auditors.
JACOB CHASE,		
THOMAS MARSH,		

The state of the Alms-house and Poor Farm, as submitted to us by the Selectmen and J. Greeley, the Agent, is as follows :

Expenses at the Alms-house,	538 55
Receipts for poor,	468 04

Leaving a balance against Alms-house of	\$70 51
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Invoice of Stock and Provisions, &c. at the Alms-house, as taken by the Selectmen, February 8, 1849.

12 tons English hay,	120 00	1 grain shovel,	1 00
1 1-2 tons run hay,	13 00	50 bushels oats,	20 00
Lot of straw & corn fodder,	8 00	8 bushels white beans,	11 00
1 horse,	100 00	2 bushels col'd beans,	2 00
1 pair Oxen,	100 00	1 nest dry measures,	75
8 cows,	160 00	50 bushels corn,	45 00
2 bulls,	40 00	9 draught chains,	3 00
3 cattle 2 years old,	36 00	2 stake chains,	1 00
3 yearlings,	15 00	1 ox-sled,	1 50
3 hay forks,	1 50	1 ox-cart,	7 00
2 yokes, bows and irons,	3 00	10 shoats,	35 00
1 gig wagon,	30 00	1 fanning mill,	7 00
1 horse harness,	5 00	350 lbs. salt pork,	35 00
1 draught harness,	1 00	100 lbs. ham,	10 00
1 whiffletree and chain,	1 00	100 bushels potatoes,	40 00
1 string of bells,	50	5 barrels apples,	8 00
1 auger,	24	4 barrels cider,	6 00
1 saw and square,	75	1 1-2 bbls. vinegar,	4 50
2 axes,	1 00	40 lbs. butter,	8 00
1 beetle, 2 wages,	75	4 galls. molasses,	1 00
2 ploughs,	7 00	30 lbs. lard,	3 00
1 harrow,	4 00	13 galls. applesauce,	3 25
4 shovels,	2 00	30 lbs. dried apple,	1 80
2 manure forks,	1 00	12 lbs. tallow,	72
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	3 00	3 chissels,	1 00
4 scythes and snathes	4 00	2 saws,	1 50
3 bush scythes,	3 00	56 lbs. flour,	2 00
2 sickles,	42	1 try square and scratch awl,	84
6 rakes,	60	4 bushels turnips,	1 34
4 hoes,	75		
1 grain cradle,	1 50		\$926 21

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee have attended to the duties assigned them, and respectfully submit the following Report :

											TEACHER'S NAMES.		
											Winter Term.	Summer Term.	
No. between 4 and 14 who have not attended	Sum'r. Winter.												
Average attendance, Summer.													
Average attendance, Winter.													
Whole No. of Scholars, Summer.													
Whole No. of Scholars, Winter.													
Female Teachers in Summer.													
Female Teachers in Winter.													
Male Teachers in Winter.													
Length of School, Summer term.													
Length of School in weeks, Winter term.													
Districts.													
1	6	2-3	12	1	1	30	21	22	18	5	3	Mr. J. E. Humphrey.	Miss E. C. Davis.
2	8		15	1	1	55	43	42	30	5	2	Mr. C. Richardson.	Miss M. A. Hardy.
3	7	1-2	12	1	1	28	15	20	12	3	0	Mr. A. B. Coffin.	Miss A. M. Gage.
4	8		12	1	1	62	51	54	39	11	9	Mr. C. Richardson.	Miss S. Spalding.
5	6		8	1	1	33	32	20	21	0	1	Mr. H. C. Greeley.	Miss L. M. Marsh.
6	10		12	1	1	40	19	33	14	2	4	Mr. J. L. Pierce.	Miss A. H. Fisher.
7	6	1-3	13	1	1	38	38	17	22	0	1	Miss M. Fross.	Miss M. A. Hall.
8	6		10	1	1	34	23	25	19	4	3	Mr. G. I. Hayward.	Miss E. T. Spalding.
9	6	1-2	14	1	1	35	33	29	19	4	0	Miss N. W. Marsh.	Miss N. W. Marsh.
10	7		12	1	1	22	11	20	10	0	0	Mr. J. F. Marsh.	Miss M. J. Cross.

The summer schools were universally prosperous ; so much so that we have heard no complaint from any district. The teachers gave evidence of having discharged their duties, and the scholars of having improved their time.

The winter schools, as a whole, have been less prosperous ; though in most of the districts, good order has been preserved, and the scholars have made commendable proficiency. In District No. 1, considerable difficulty occurred, arising in part from the injudiciousness of the teacher, together with a determined spirit of insub-

ordination on the part of some of the male members of the school. Mr. Humphrey, the teacher, did decidedly wrong, by representing the school favorably to the residents of the district, while presenting at the same time, complaints to the committee. But these considerations, which appear very much to the disadvantage of the teacher, are no mitigating considerations in favor of the pupils. If the teacher was inexperienced, they should have lent him their aid to sustain good order. The difficulty resulted in the expulsion of three of the largest boys.

In District No. 8, there was also much confusion and disorder, resulting from the same causes above mentioned. The committee were called to restore order, but the individual offending making satisfactory concessions, avoided the disgrace of being expelled from the school. These difficulties, we hope, will teach the agents of the several districts the importance of employing experienced teachers, though it may be at an advanced price. One month of good school is worth more than three where confusion reigns.

The remainder of the schools, as already intimated, were unusually prosperous. There is one very striking fault among the parents in the several districts. That is, a lack of interest in the schools. In but very few instances have they visited the schools at all. Every parent who has children connected with the school, should visit them at the school room twice, to say the least, during every term.

There is also a fault in relation to school rooms. Some of them are very much too small for the number of scholars attending. This is particularly the case in District No. 4. The committee would recommend the immediate erection of a new school house, or the speedy division of the district. In District No. 8, the house should undergo thorough repairs. Many other suggestions might be made, but we presume the members of the several districts will feel an interest in the education of their children, and immediately resort to the use of the most efficient means to secure this end.

JONATHAN HALL,

J. L. PIERCE,

JAMES EMERY.

Hudson, March 13, 1849.

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